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Estranged Wife Charged With Conspiracy To Murder Husband

BY PAUL B. HAYES
EDITOR

Following a 13-month investigation into the attempted murder of Brandon T. Dykes on July 16 of last year, another person has been arrested in the case – the victim’s estranged wife, 23 year-old Ashley Dykes of Metcalfe County.

Dykes was arrested Friday by Adair County Deputy Sheriff Justin Claywell and charged with criminal complicity to commit murder after the results of a forensic examination of a computer and cell phone revealed a plot between Dykes and Matthew K. Swanson to kill her husband. She was lodged in

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Old Timer’s Day Set For This Saturday

The 11th annual Old Timer’s Day will be held this Saturday at the Richie Curtis farm in the Sano community.

The featured activity of the annual event will be wheat threshing with Curtis’ large steam engine. There will also be straw baling with a wire-type baler, antique tractors, antique farm machinery and much more on display.

Plate lunches, sandwiches and other foods will be sold to benefit the Relay For Life.

The day’s activities will get underway at 8 a.m. The Curtis farm is located on Grassy Springs Road off Allen Schoolhouse Road.

For more information or directions, call 634-2337 or 384-3982.

Five-Day Local Forecast

Thursday, August 16

Thunderstorms.
Low 69/High 89.

Friday, August 17

Thunderstorms.
Low 59/High 81.

Saturday, August 18

Partly Sunny.
Low 57/High 79.

Sunday, August 19

Mostly Sunny.
Low 57/High 83.

Monday, August 20

Mostly Sunny.
Low 64/High 87.

Hospital’s Sale Off, May Have To Close

BY PAUL B. HAYES
EDITOR

After the announcement last week by the Westlake Regional Hospital’s Board of Trustees that they had terminated discussions on the sale of the hospital to LifePoint Hospitals, hospital officials, local governmental officials and others are scrambling to come up with alternatives to keep the hospital open and serving the community.

However, time may be running out, and according to Board of Trustees chairman James Evans, the facility may have to be closed unless an infusion of capital is forthcoming.

“The hospital could be forced to close unless we get some money soon,” Evans said in a telephone interview yesterday. “Right now, the hospital board along with county officials are working on plans and looking at ways to try and keep it open. Hopefully, we’ll know more and have more information at next Tuesday’s fiscal court meeting.”

At Tuesday night’s regular fiscal court meeting, Judge/Executive Ann Melton informed the court that they would have a special-called meeting next Tuesday, Aug. 21.

Two New Hospital Board Members Are Appointed

BY PAUL B. HAYES
EDITOR

At Tuesday night’s regular meeting of the Adair County Fiscal Court, the court approved Judge/Executive Ann Melton’s recommendations for the appointment of two new Westlake Regional Hospital Board of Trustees members to replace two that have resigned.

John Nall resigned from the board in July and Josh Harden resigned last week, leaving only three board members. Judge Melton recommended that Craig Pyles be appointed to fill out the remainder of Nall’s term, which expires in June 2016, and Richard Grant be appointed to fill out the remainder of Harden’s term, which expires in November 2014. The court approved each

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The “First Lady Of Hunting®” Coming To SCKO Expo Saturday

BY PAUL B. HAYES
EDITOR

There will be a lot of big names in hunting coming to town Saturday to participate in the National Wild Turkey Federation’s (NWTF) Kentucky State Turkey Calling and Kentucky Still Target Shooting championships that are a part of the third annual South Central Kentucky Outdoor Expo, but none will be bigger than Brenda Valentine, the “First Lady of Hunting®.”

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A GROUP OF servicemen helped Brenda Valentine display the American flag at the Queen’s Palace in Afghanistan. Valentine and two other outdoorsmen recently returned from the first Armed Forces Entertainment Legends of the Outdoors tour of bases in Afghanistan. (Photo courtesy of Brenda Valentine)

“I told the board that the fiscal court and myself would do all we can to try to keep the hospital open,” Melton said. “But, I told them that they’re going to have to come up with ways to cut expenses.

“I don’t know what they’ll have to do – cut staff, renegotiate contracts or possibly even cut services – it’s up to the board to decide,” she continued. “The county doesn’t have any money, so any money we get for the hospital, we’ll have to borrow.”

The board’s decision to terminate negotiations with LifePoint came after the Nashville-based health care firm significantly lowered their offer to purchase the hospital’s assets. In the first draft of the asset purchase agreement, LifePoint offered to pay \$12.5 million plus \$400,000 to reimburse the cost of renovating the behavioral health unit. However, before the second offer was made, LifePoint brought up five points of concern, and their final offer, according to sources, was only \$2 million, much lower than could be accepted.

Board chairman James Evans said “the board simply could not accept the reduced offer” and felt it was in the best interests of the

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PAINTBALL WASH OFF. As Jailer Rick Wilson held the ladder Adair County Jail inmate trustee Jerrod Norris washed off paint from paintball guns from the large glass entry to the jail last week. Wilson said that the front of the jail has been hit at least twice by paintballs, and they are going through their surveillance tapes to try to determine the perpetrators. (Photo by Paul B. Hayes)

Only One Race Set For School Board; 10 File For City Council

With the filing deadline now passed for seats on the Adair County Board of Education and the Columbia City Council, there will only be one school board race, while 10 people will be seeking the six seats on the city council.

The race for the School Board District #2 seat (comprised of the Milltown, Gradyville portion of the Gradyville-Nell, South Columbia portion of South Columbia-Harmony and the South Columbia #2 precincts) will be a three-way race. Incumbent Marsha

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LWC Opens ‘Huge’ 2012-13 School Year This Weekend

The 2012-13 school year will be one of the biggest in the 109-year history of Lindsey Wilson College.

The college will go through its decennial reaccreditation process with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and three LWC academic divisions will also be reviewed by their profession’s accrediting bodies.

“This is a huge year for this college,” LWC President William T. Luckey Jr. told the college’s faculty Wednesday morning at an opening-year meeting in the Roberta D. Cranmer Dining & Conference Center. “Any time a college is going through that many

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VOICES

Editorial Page



Paul's PONDERINGS

Editorial Commentary
Written By
Paul B. Hayes, EDITOR

Over the last few months, I’ve written so many articles about Westlake Regional Hospital and all of its problems that there’s been times I’ve almost wanted to throw my hands up in the air and say “Enough.” But, it’s my job to report what is going on to the people of the county, so I’ll continue to write about the hospital (there is more than one hospital-related article in today’s issue, not counting what we’ve put on the web site since the last print issue came out) until the situation is resolved, hopefully in a way so that we can continue to have a hospital here. We deserve good health care right here in our community, and the hard-working, dedicated individuals who staff the hospital need to retain their jobs.

The simple fact of the matter is the hospital is in terrible financial shape, “in debt over its ears” as the old saying goes. And, everyone likes to point and blame everyone else for the condition it is in. I’ve heard a lot of people, including people in leadership positions, place the majority, if not all of, the blame on the previous adminstration and previous board members. I’ve also heard elected officials, even doctors (who no longer support the hospital) and the auditors blamed. Some blame the present administration and board for some of the problems. In any case, there’s plenty of blame to go around.

One of the most frustrating things about trying to report on the exact situation the hospital is in is the lack of information that has been made public. The majority of those involved seem to want to do all of the business behind closed doors, ignoring the fact that the hospital is a public entity owned by the taxpayers of Adair County.

I’ve been in the business long enough to realize that some things must be done out of the public view, things like the investigation being conducted to determine what wrongdoings were done and who is responsible for them. But the folks doing the investigation want even acknowledge that an investigation is going on. What’s wrong with them at least saying, “Yes, there is an investigation into certain areas. However, we can’t release any information until it is complete.” I can understand that they don’t want any type of investigation compromised, but I don’t think saying something like that would compromise anything.

All we in the media can do is keep prying, keep trying and hopefully find enough out to keep the public better informed.

Going back to the blame game, when its being spread around, there’s a whole lot of people in Adair County who have to take at least a slice. I’m talking about the people who don’t use the hospital –the ones who go to neighboring towns like Russell Springs, Greensburg, Campbellsville and places when they need hospital services. I’ve had to go out of town to see some specialists at other places, but I’ve always tried to have any medical services that can be done here done here. While I’m fortunate enough not to have to been hospitalized for well over 20 years (and only three times in my life), the other services I’ve received a Westlake have been very good. When my late mother had to be hospitalized at Westlake a few times, she couldn’t have received better care. Westlake has a great, caring staff, so why not let them take care of you?

In one of my conversations with Judge/ Executive Ann Melton about the hospital, Melton summed the situation up very well. She said, “The best thing that would help the hospital is for our people to support our hospital and use doctors that support our hospital, because without a good patient census, it won’t work.”

Looking Back

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Some Adair County Veterans:
The Great War, War To End
All Wars, World War I, Part II

We should all be mindful of our veterans, past and present, and those who yet serve the United States. The next few columns will contain brief biographical sketches of some Adair Countians who served in various conflicts. The following represents the men who served in World War I. Originally designated The Great War and the War to End All Wars, the conflict became known as the First World War or World War I. Though the time of actual service for American soldiers was relatively short, compared to the total length of the conflict, many Adair Countians served, either states-side or overseas, primarily in France.

This is by NO MEANS a complete list, but is a representational list of those who served from Adair County. An effort is being made to identify all the veterans of the era who were from Adair County, who lived here, and those who left here before the conflict and served in other units.

Any reader who can add names to this or any list of veterans is urged to contact me at the above address with information.

McFarland, Benjamin Frank, Private, U.S. Army; born 19 January 1892, died 9 October 1971, buried Columbia City Cemetery; an Adair County News item of 18 December 1918 stated Frank McFarland, of Cane Valley, stationed at Camp Taylor, had received his discharge.

McQueary, John S., Private, Company L, 28th Infantry; killed 18 July 1918 in France; born 27 January 1900, son of James M. McQueary, of near Ella; funeral and burial at Tabernacle Church in May 1921. [Adair County News, 7 August 1918 & 24 May 1921]

Melson, William Oliver “Will Ol”, Company H, 14 Infantry, U.S. Army, died at Camp Shelby, Mississippi; resided Glensfork; born 29 October 1891, died 10 March 1918, buried Elijah Melson Cemetery, Adair County.

Miller, Oliver Patteson, physician, stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, GA; born 19 January 1893, died 1 June 1973, buried Columbia City Cemetery. Dr. Miller later practiced for many years in Louisville and retired back to Columbia.

Moran, Paul Raymond, Private, 4 Co Development BN; born 26 October 1894, died 14 December 1966, buried Columbia City Cemetery; resided near Bliss upon entry in service.

Morris, Joe, U.S. Navy, Medical Corps, stationed at Newport, Rhode Island as of December 1918; born 1 May 1899 at Ozark, Adair County.

Morrison, Charlie, Private First Class, 120th Infantry, served in France; born 17 July 1896 Adair County, died 13 January 1973, buried Columbia City Cemetery; married Virgie Patterson.

Page, Nathan Mont, Private, 336 Infantry, stationed at Camp Taylor in December 1917; of Cane Valley; born 15 March 1892 Cane Valley, died 29 November 1977, buried Cane Valley Cemetery, military marker; son of W.B. Page.

Patterson, G.B., 2nd Lieutenant, Company G, Signal Corps; served from January 1912 to January 1915, in the U.S., Mexico and Cuba; then worked for postal service in Kansas City, Missouri until the U.S. entered the great war; then enlisted in 5th Field Battalion Signal Corps and was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in Signal Reserve Corps; assigned in November 1917 to 323rd Field Signal Battalion, stationed at Leon Springs, Texas. Son of J.D. Patterson of Picnic, Adair County.

Pike, Benjamin Harrison, Private First Class, U.S. Army; born 16 October 1888, died 22 February 1978, buried Cane Valley Cemetery; brother of William Alvin Pike.

Pike, William Alvin, Private, Company A, 125 Infantry, KY; served in France, in Battle of Verdun, received gun shot wound to right temple at Verdun 16 October 1918; born 10 September 1886 Dulworth, Adair County, died 23 November 1971, buried Cane Valley Cemetery; brother of Benjamin Harrison Pike.

Redmond, Luther Taylor, Private, U.S. Army, stationed at Camp Taylor in December 1917; served in France, at Bellecourt Nanroy 29 September 1918, gassed at Bellecourt same date; resided at Roy; born 13 November 1895 McGaha, Adair County, died 29 October 1982, buried Columbia City Cemetery; son of G.R. Redmond.

Reed, Edgar Winchester, volunteered May 1917 for Reserve Corps; born 14 April 1895 Columbia, died 3 December 1950, buried Columbia City Cemetery; son of Edgar W. Reed, of Columbia.

Rodgers, Lemon, Corporal, 8 Company, 2 Battalion, U.S. Army; entered service in April 1918, stationed at Camp Taylor as of June 1918.

Rosson, James Alexander, Private, U.S. Army, entered service in May 1918; born 17 September 1895 Rugby, Adair County, died 28 August 1979 Columbia, buried Fudge Cemetery, resided Columbia; son of James Eli Rosson and Sally Harvey; farmer, former employee of US Postal Department.

Shepherd, Otis, Private, U.S. Army; served in France, Ypress, Hindenberg Line at Bellecourt, and Navroy, 1918; born Garlin, Adair County; son of Frank Shepherd, of Garlin.

Sherrill, Eddie T., Private First Class, 8th Machine Gun Battalion, U.S. Army, served in France; volunteered in July 1917 in 3rd KY Infantry.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vocational Agriculture Program at ACHS

(Editor’s note: The following letter was sent to the media by Adair County Schools Superintendent Alan Reed. It is in reference to discussion going on that the Adair County High School Site-Based Decision Making Council may decide to cut one of the three vocational agriculture teachers at the school once of them retires in the near future. Supt. Reed sent the follow letter on Friday.)

Members of the media:

Some misinformation is circulating regarding a replacement for an upcoming retirement in our Vocational Agriculture program at Adair County High School. I want to clear things up as much as possible.

The site-based decision-making council at Adair County High School will decide whether three (3) teachers are required in the Vocational Agriculture program, or whether two (2) will work in order to add a foreign language instructor, fine arts teacher, or a some other teaching position in the state assessed areas.

This decision shall be driven by the school’s CSIP (Comprehensive Schoolwide Improvement Plan). The council will have to balance their “needs” against their “wants” in any department, given test scores and rigorous state expectations. Proposed federal and state budget cuts of around 8-10 percent will also impact every school in Adair County over the next five years requiring school councils to maximize every instructional dollar.

While no one likes budget cuts, there are now opportunities for whole departments to reinvent themselves.

Under statute, the ACHS school council and its principal decide staffing issues within the school, based on relevant data as it pertains to school success. Under board policy, each school is provided with allocations based on the district’s staffing formula.

This issue and other topics will be addressed at the Adair County High School monthly Site-based Council meeting on August 20, 2012 at 3:15 p.m. The meeting will be held at 3:15 in the ACHS library, and as always is open to the public.

Finally, here are some comparison numbers from surrounding counties that also have highly successful programs in Vocational Agriculture:

TEACHERS VS. STUDENTS IN AREA VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS

End of 2012

Note: Several are duplicate students taking more than one class, thus counted two or more times

Adair	3	847
Russell	2	885
Taylor	2	888
Green	1.5	520
Metcalfe	2	460
Cumberland	1	250

Adair County FFA

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in support of the Adair County FFA Organization. It is my understanding that the SBDMC will be meeting next Monday at 3:15 to discuss the vacant position that resulted from the retirement of Mr. Terry Harvey. Unfortunately, I, like most working parents, will not be able to attend that meeting. It is also my understanding that the purpose of said meeting is to discuss cutting that position and instead hiring a foreign Language educator.

The very fiber of Adair County is that of agriculture; I am saddened that the FFA program should have to bear the expense of adding another foreign language teacher. I am sure that another foreign language offering would be an asset to the Adair County School System but it must be weighed against the benefit that our children derive from the FFA program. My son is a Junior at Adair County High School and has been involved in every facet of that program since his Freshman year. Under the direction of Mr. Kirby Hancock, Mr. Terry Harvey and Mr. Randy Rexroat I have watched my son’s self confidence and leadership abilities flourish. While he is a good student academically and has always been, his involvement in FFA is the driving force behind the love he has for school and learning. Prior to his Freshman year he did not have that love for school. I attribute all of that to his involvement in this program. FFA is more than agricultural education, it is a lesson in the value of the hard work involved in a job well done, accountability and leadership. In short it builds character that will see these children through the rest of their lives. Not to mention these lessons are being taught by men that these children see as highly respected role models. Not to devalue the cultural education to be gained from a foreign language class, but obviously what is to be derived are not life lessons that they will fall back on later in life. My son will leave Adair County High School with not only the agricultural education lessons but with much more thanks to the FFA Program.

At the beginning of my son’s freshman year we looked very hard at how his high school schedule would unfold over the coming years. We calculated for all the AG classes that he wanted to take as well as a College Prep Diploma; now due to this he is faced with the possibility of having a major upset to that in his Senior year. This is not fair to my son, or the many others that will be in the same predicament.

I saw the stats on the teacher to student ratios of other FFA programs in our area; this spoke little to me. The Adair County FFA Chapter is superior to the other mentioned counties in most ways. Our children place well in all competitions, our FFA barn and shop are superior to most. This only says that the hard work of three educators in this department has put Adair County FFA on top. With that said why go backwards instead of forwards?

Sincerely,
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•Board Members

recommendation unanimously.

The subject of the Adair County Ambulance Service’s contribution to the 911 Dispatch Center was again brought up for discussion. The county budgeted \$19,000 as the ambulance service’s contribution for dispatching, but the ambulance board has indicated that it doesn’t want to make the contribution because of a lack of funds.

Magistrate Billy Coffey, a member of the 911 Committee, said that he talked to Green County officials, who are also experiencing funding problems, and they said they are considering having the Kentucky State Police Post in Columbia do their dispatching as a way of saving money. Coffey said he also talked to ambulance service manager Terry Akin.

“I talked to Terry, and he said that with all the cuts in Medicare and Medicaid, they didn’t think they’d be able to do it (make the contribution),” Coffey told the court.

After a brief discussion about the ambulance service contribution having already been included in this year’s budget, the court voted to ask them again for their contribution, and give them 30 days to respond.

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote, with magistrate Daryl Flatt, who works for the ambulance service, abstaining.

In other action at the meeting,

the court:

- Heard a request from Troy Strange, who asked if a private group could do something to change wrought iron railing at very top of the courthouse.

- “The railing looks like 6-6-6 (which many Christians believe is the mark of the devil), and to me it is offensive,” Strange told the court.

He said that they would like to rework the railing so it did look like 6-6-6 and it would be done at no cost and no liability to the county. He said they would like to cut the railing off and put up three crosses in its place, or if that wasn’t suitable put up different symbols.

Judge Melton said that while she didn’t see the railing as being three sixes, others do, but if any changes were made, it would have to be approved by historical preservationists.

Ellen Zornes, president of the Adair Heritage Association, explained that the courthouse is listed on the National Historic Register, and any changes would have to be approved by the organization.

- Heard a request from Green River Animal Welfare League representatives that the cost of spaying or neutering be included in the adoption costs of any animals adopted from the Green River Animal Shelter, and the procedure be done before the animal is released for adoption.

Jan Weber and Sue Henningsen told the court that since June 2010, GRAWL has offered a free spay or neuter certificate, but only 468 of the 562 certificates mailed out were redeemed (at participating veterinarians). Only 154 who adopted pets from the shelter redeemed their certificates.

They said that their funds are running out, so they will no longer be able to provide the service. While including the cost of spaying or neutering would increase the cost of adoption from the shelter, the women said it would save money in the long run because there would be many less dogs and cats brought into the shelter.

The court took no action, saying they wanted to talk with shelter director Sandy Ford, and also asked the GRAWL representatives if they would check and see if the veterinarians they use would provide the services at the same discounted price the organization receives.

- Voted to hire Kenny Blevins as the county’s new commercial building inspector to replace Carly Fudge, who resigned from the position.

Magistrate Daryl Flatt said he met with Blevins, who is the building inspector for Casey County, and he agreed to do the job under the same contract that Fudge had agreed to. Blevins will charge state rates for inspections, and all inspections will go through

the judge/executive’s office, with the county keeping 10 percent of the fee for administrative costs.

Anyone needing a commercial building inspection can contact the judge/executive’s office and they will put you in contact with Blevins.

The court voted to enter into a six-month contract with Blevins.

- At the request of Solid Waste Coordination, appointed a committee to discuss the county taking over the transfer station when its contract with the current operator runs out in about a year and a half.

Sinclair said that other counties have taken over their transfer stations, and have been able to make money at it while still keeping garbage collection prices low.

Magistrates Joe Rogers, Perry Reeder and Daryl Flatt were appointed to the committee.

- Was informed by Judge Melton that she has been contacted by some people wanting to rent space in the old courthouse. While there needs to be some work on the heating and air conditioning, Melton said that getting someone in the building is important.

The court authorized Melton to negotiate a square foot rental price and sign a rental agreement.

- Conducted all the routine monthly business.

All magistrates were present for the meeting.

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Artists And Crafters To Display/ Sell At Homeplace Festival

Homeplace on Green River is inviting artists and crafters to participate in the Homeplace Fall Heritage Festival Saturday, September 8. Last year’s festival drew more than 1200 visitors.

The arts and crafts display and sales will be under cover and is open to all locally produced art and craftwork. No resale items are permitted. There is a set-up fee of \$15 if paid by August 27, or \$25 if paid after the 27th.

Vendors may call Vonnie Kolbensschlag at 384-6777 or email her at ykolben@gmail.com. Forms are available at the Adair County Chamber of Commerce, 201 Burkesville Street, Columbia, 270-384-6020, the Taylor County Extension Service, 1143 Columbia Avenue, Campbellsville, 270-465 4511 or the Kentucky Market House on the square in Greensburg, 270-932-2412

In addition to sale of art and craftwork, the Homeplace Fall Heritage Festival will include good food, live music and a variety of activities including animals, exhibits, demonstrations and hay rides.

There will be no charge for admission to the grounds, parking and many other activities including exhibits and demonstrations including the petting zoo, hiking, entertainment and games. There will be nominal charges for food and some activities including pony rides, hay rides and a barrel train. Active duty military and National Guard and their families will have free access to all activities upon presenting identification cards. The Homeplace Web page at www.homeplacefarm.org has additional information about Homeplace and the festival.

•Elections

Walker filed for re-election Monday, and she was joined in the race on Tuesday by Charles Miller and Quinn Lasley.

In School Board District #4 and School Board District #5, incumbent board members Floyd Burton and Mike Harris face no opposition.

The race for the six seats on the Columbia City Council attracted a total of 10 candidates.

Current council members Tony Grider, Linda Waggener, June Parson, Craig Dean, Robert Flowers and Jim Hadley all filed for re-election. They will be joined on the ballot by three former council members –Dr. Ronald P. Rogers, Charles Grimsley and Joe Moore – along with political newcomer Craig Lasley.

The top six vote getters in the November general election will win two-year terms on the city’s governing body.

The general election will also decide who will be the next Circuit Judge for the 29th Judicial District. Local attorney Judy Vance and current Commonwealth Attorney Brian Wright are running to see who will fill out the remainder of the term of the late James Weddle.

There could be a race for 29th District Commonwealth Attorney, but that remains to be seen

After Brian Wright withdrew from the race to run for Circuit Judge, there are currently no candidates in the race. According to the Secretary of State’s

office, the executive committees of the Republican and Democratic county committees from Adair and Casey counties must convene a meeting and select a candidate. These candidates will have until 4 p.m. EST on Wednesday, Aug. 22 to file candidacy papers with the Secretary of State’s office to appear on the general election ballot.

The November general election is also the presidential election, with President Barak Obama being challenged by Mitt Romney.

First District U.S. Representative Ed Whitfield race against Democratic challenger Charles Hatchet.

There will be some officials’ names on the ballot who will be elected without opposition: Adair County Circuit Clerk Dennis Loy, 51st District State Representative John “Bam” Camey, and 15th District State Senator candidate Chris Girdler, who won a three-way primary to see who will replace the retiring Vernie McGaha but has no Democratic opposition.

Three names will also appear on the ballot for Adair County Soil Conservation Commissioners. They are Larry K. Burton, Judith Goodin and Brent Baker.

According to Clerk Blair, there are four seats up for election on the soil conservation district, so all three candidates will be elected. The incumbent for the fourth seat, Jimmy Bennett, filed as a write-in candidate on Wednesday.

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The ABCs of Preventing Lice & Pinworm Infestation in School Children

As the summer months draw to a close and children begin returning to school after weeks of fun and games at camps, recreational gatherings, and other organized activities, parents may be faced with what is becoming an increasingly common health problem: lice and pinworm infestation.

With the exception of the common cold, head lice and pinworms probably affect more children in the U.S. each year than all other communicable diseases combined.

Infestation can occur with anyone, no matter how “clean” they may appear to be.

•Lice and pinworm infestation is most common from August to November.

•Both lice and pinworms are parasites: a human is necessary for either to thrive.

•There must be some form of direct contact to contract head lice for pinworms.

•Learn to recognize the early symptoms of infestation: head lice will be accompanied by itching of the scalp, ears, or neck. Pinworms generally create discomfort and itching in the anal area.

•To reduce the potential for infestation of head lice and pinworms:

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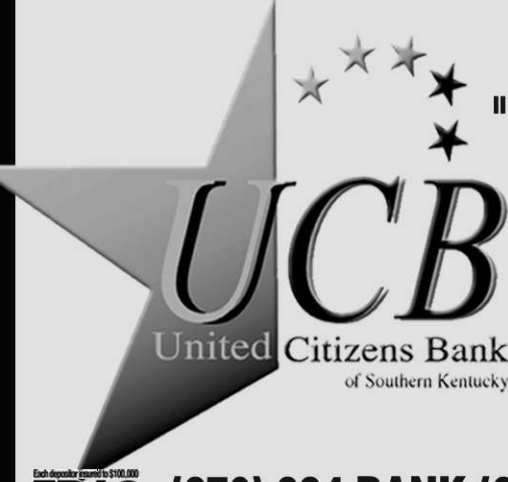
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Holding The Adair County Hospital District Board Accountable & Hopefully SAVING WLRH

Dear Editor,

While I am not speaking (writing) for ANY other resident of this, Adair, county, I am CONFIDENT no one in Adair County wants West Lake Regional Hospital (WLRH) to close! That I am SURE of.

WLRH employees wrote a letter to the editor stressing how important the hospital is to/for all of us. I agree, but the letter to the editor author (employees) equate the hospital tax being recalled with WLRH's 300 employees losing their job because the hospital will be closed.

Anyone with a shred of common sense (intelligence) knows, or should, the district tax going into effect or being recalled will NOT save NOR doom WLRH!

I signed the petition to PRECLUDE the WLRH Board from trying to avoid being accountable for the hospital's debt. The Hospital Board has failed to oversee - manage WLRH's finances! No matter who may or may not have engaged in criminal activity, no matter which CPA or accounting firm accurately (or not) oversaw WLRH's finances, the WLRH District Board is responsible. PERIOD!

True, a shrewd person(s) can 'cook the books and a/the auditor - CPA - accountant etc. can, IN ERROR or with criminal intent, certify financial reports as being accurate. Should employees (doctors, nurses, aides, housekeeping, food services, maintenance, etc.) be BLAMED or held responsible for WLRH debt? NO, of course NOT, but should the citizens of Adair Co. be expected to or be made to cover - pay back missing money?

The WLRH Board has chosen (chooses) to not prosecute nor recover wasted/stolen funds through the criminal nor civil action, NOR from the accounting firm's insurance - bond who certified the past financial reports!

And, if the Community Voice's report is accurate-correct, ".... Bill Mabry, attorney for the hospital district, ... wrote that a statement by this newspaper that the audit "[forensic audit purportedly requested - approved by the District Board] "has been turned over to law enforcement is not correct." The Voice's quoting Mr. Mabry, "Please note that the document has not been turned over to law enforcement or any other third party", Mr. Mabry's assertion is indeed TROUBLING! I have not reviewed the video I recorded during both public meetings, but what I 'remember' being said if correct, we Adair County residents are CLEARLY being 'taken', bamboozled, hood winked, and apparently lied to.

Might the residents of Adair County end up having to repay part or all of the debt? Yes, though I for one will be seeking local, probably the Adair County Grand Jury, state probably, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and of course Federal, probably, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, plus whatever resources may be able to assist Adair residents prosecuting, recovering as much money as is possible, and SAVING our hospital!

Yes, we taxpayers should be the last/final option and I leave that to the Court to mandate, NOT the WLRH Board!

Ms. Robin Adair
(270) 378-6201

Hospital Tax Petition Signing To Be Friday, Saturday

I have talked with committee members and we have decided to do another petition signing this weekend since some thought they couldn't sign the petition due to some misinformation in the media on who could sign. We are going to do it out here in front of my property across from Walmart on the corner of Burkesville Road and Edmonton Rd. Fri. Aug. 17th from 3pm to 6pm and again Sat. from 12 noon to 6 pm. Hopefully those who thought they couldn't sign will be able to do so then.

This petition is about one thing and one thing only as it says. I am opposed to the 3.7 cents tax per \$100 of accessed property value levied on the taxpayers of Adair County by the Adair County Hospital Board. There is nothing in there that says anything about closing the hospital or raising taxes. We need a hospital in our county but we also need open, honest government that tells the people the truth about exactly how our tax dollars are being spent. It is the peoples right to vote on this matter. Voting is one of our most basis ideas and to say we can't vote on something is basically saying that the citizen is not competent to make the decision on whether he or she wants to be taxed so WE will make it for them.

Let the people decide. The people of our county are very angry about what has been done to them and want answers. This petition allows them to be heard.

The petition is available to all who want to sign. We will be here until this thing is done, one way or the other, standing up for the ordinary citizens right to vote. There are still petitions in most all the country stores in the county. The stores are not responsible for the petition. If anyone needs to know an exact location, please call me at 384-3348 or 634-2604 and we will try to locate the one near you.

s/Vicky Pike

•Murder Conspiracy

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the Adair County Regional Jail under a \$500,000 bond.

Swanson, age 20, of Gilbert, Arizona, was arrested the morning the event happened on a charge of attempted murder and has been lodged in the Adair County Regional Jail since. He was indicted on the attempted murder charge on Aug. 16 of last year.

The incident occurred on July 16 of last year when Brandon Dykes was traveling on Crocus Road in southern Adair County around 5:30 a.m. He told law enforcement that he had noticed a vehicle parked in a cemetery near his residence.

After passing the vehicle, the vehicle then came upon him rapidly and passed him. As he was continuing on toward KY 55 South, Dykes said that the vehicle – a 2002 Saturn –stopped on the side of the road. He stopped to offer assistance, but the driver said everything was okay.

Dykes continue on his way, and the vehicle once again came upon him rapidly and started to pass him, but instead of passing swerved into his vehicle and sideswiped.

Both vehicles continued on to the intersection of Crocus Road and KY 55 where they stopped. Dykes stated that he got out to check the damage on his vehicle and call 911 to report the accident. Dykes' call went to Russell County 911, and while he was still talking to the dispatcher, the man (which proved to be Swanson) approached him, pulled a knife out of his pocket and stabbed him in the neck.

Dykes began to fight back, and was able to knock the knife out of Swanson's hand and get him on the ground. However, Swanson managed to get one hand free, grab another knife and stab Dykes again, this time in the inner right thigh.

Dykes was able to knock the second knife away, and held Swanson on the ground until law enforcement arrived. Russell County Deputy Sheriff J. Warriner was the first to arrive on the scene and held Swanson in custody until Deputy Claywell arrived. When Claywell arrived, he was charged with attempted murder and DUI and lodged in the Adair County Regional Jail.

Josh Harden Resignation

(Editor's note: This letter from Josh Harden has already appeared on the Progress's web site.)

John Nall submitted his resignation from the board last month, and Josh Harden followed suit, resigning effective today, Aug. 9.

In a letter addressed to the Adair County Hospital District, Westlake Regional Hospital Employees, Citizens of Adair County and the Adair County Fiscal Court that was hand delivered to the newspaper, Harden addressed the hospital's status and gives the reasons for his resignation from the board.

To Whom It May Concern:

I would first like to address the current status of our hospital. Due to political and community resistance, the proposed sale of real property to LifePoint Hospitals will not take place. I feel as though this proposed sale along with the tax was the best current option for our hospital, their employees, and our citizens.

Over the course of my term as trustee I have attempted to make the most educated decisions possible with the information I was provided. I feel like the opportunity to have Dr. Eric Loy take over our hospital last year would have been the best overall solution for the struggles our hospital faced. However, that solution too, was met with extreme opposition.

After the failed attempt to resolve our hospitals issues with Dr. Loy's guidance, I continued to work on a solution for our hospital. Early last fall, I was personally contacted by Sam Hutchison from LifePoint Hospitals with extreme interest in purchasing WLRH. I coordinated a meeting with Sam Hutchison, County Judge Executive Ann Melton, and myself that took place in October 2011. At that meeting LifePoint made an unofficial offer to purchase WLRH for approximately \$13Mil with an annual commitment of \$1Mil per year of capital improvement over the course of the next 5 years. I was ready to move forward on this offer because it would have paid WLRH out of debt at that time, ended the consulting fees of Spectrum, and provided much needed capital to turn our hospital around. It was the opinion of our County Judge to wait until December 31, 2011. She felt as though we could still turn things around and allow the hospital to continue to be county owned.

It is apparent my views for the direction of our hospital are not in line with local government. I feel I have exhausted numerous resources to help our hospital and have received extreme opposition to each avenue I have explored. Therefore, it is with mixed emotions I wish to inform everyone of my resignation from the Westlake Regional Hospital Board effective as of August 9, 2012. I hope for the very best for WLRH and the citizens of Adair County the very best with all future endeavors.

Sincerely,
Joshua D. Harden

Judge/Executive Ann Melton's Response To Josh Harden's Letter

(Editor's note: A letter from John Harden in which he announced his resignation from the Westlake Regional Hospital Board of Trustees and gave reasons for his resigning that was posted on the web site Thursday. Adair County Judge/Executive Ann Melton has issued a response, which was also posted on the web site and appears in the print version of the paper today.)

Letter to the Editor:

First I would like to thank John Nall and Josh Harden for giving their time and efforts to serve on the Hospital Board. Board appointments are thankless jobs that require each individual to take time from their families to serve the community with little praise and much criticism. My apologies to Mr. Nall. I should have already publicly thanked you for your service.

I also would like to address the recent statements made by Josh Harden concerning a meeting that took place in my office in October 2011 with Sam Hutchison of LifePoint. After refusing twice to meet with LifePoint, telling Josh that the proper way to proceed with any offer to purchase Westlake was to go directly to the Board of Directors, not through the County Judge, I did with his persistence agree to meet with them. Mr. Hutchison told me that they would like to purchase Westlake and would pay a fair price for the hospital. However, he also stated that they would have to do due diligence on their offer and it would likely change. The unofficial, verbal offer at that time was \$13,000,000, within \$100,000 of the recent offer made by LifePoint of \$12,900,000, before due diligence was conducted. I advised Mr. Hutchison and Mr. Harden that selling Westlake was not a decision the County Judge could make and they needed to make their presentation to the Board of Trustees. One would assume an entity that wanted to make a bona fide offer would want to go through the proper channels. It is puzzling to me that Mr. Harden was a board member of the proper channel, yet he insisted on bringing that offer to me instead of the board. Did he ever invite LifePoint to make a presentation to the Board Directors? I don't know, but what I do know is, I have never wanted anything other than what was best for the health care of our citizens and to protect the jobs of those employed by Westlake.

There has never been any doubt in my mind that a sale to a larger hospital would provide better health care options for our citizens as well as better opportunities for the employees. In my opinion, we were not or are we yet, in a position to make that happen. It has to be a doable sale that works not only for the hospital and their employees but for our citizens as well.

Many times over the past few months I have had the opportunity to publicly state that I told the board that the problems causing the hospital to lose money had to be corrected before a successful sale could occur. In fact, my exact statement at the November 2011 board meeting when the board voted to seek a sale was "this decision will not be a good ending for anyone, not the employees, not our community and certainly not the citizens." Yet you went forward and voted to spend \$250,000 more toward that effort. I could have publicly stated that I had asked the board many times over the past several months to end the contracts with Spectrum Health Partners because we simply could not afford them. I have had many opportunities to make public statements to try to make myself look good, placing blame here or there, but out of respect I chose not to.

Another statement made that the \$13 million would have paid the hospital out of debt at that time is far from accurate.

- \$12 1/2 million owed to banks
- \$2.6 million to Kentucky Medicaid
- \$700,000 owed on short-term leases
- \$1.2 million in accounts payable
- \$350,000 in line of credit

I am sure no math wizard but for the life of me I can't get \$13 million out of those figures.

I apologize to the citizens and other board members for being backed against the wall and forced to make negative public statements. This issue has affected my family, my health and I refuse to continue down a path where these types of results tend to hurt the situation rather than help. The County Judge Executive's job is only to appoint board members. I have no control over their decisions or actions and will not accept their blame. In the future, my role will be just that, to appoint board members.

It is my sincere desire that this community will in some way emerge stronger and more unified because of this issue. I believe we have the best citizens you will find anywhere, and in the end, you will see a community come together and save our hospital.

Sincerely
s/Ann Melton
Adair County Judge Executive

Hospital Debt Balance

Dear Editor,

I remember an old saying / slogan / children's chant, Liar, liar, pants on FIRE!

Just like Olympic Gold and Silver medal numbers, WLRH's reported debt balance is all over the place! AFTER deducting the alleged Life Point offer of \$12.9 million, which according to one source is rapidly shrinking (or the debt balance is GROWING!

One need not be an accountant to determine the amounts which total from \$16.6 million to \$17.9 million. Leaving a debt balance of \$3.7 up to \$5 million, if the Medicaid settlement is as projected!

Let's be conservative and Life Point has lowered their offer to \$9.1 million. Assuming the actual-TRUE debt is no more than \$17.9 million we, the taxpayers would owe a whopping \$8.8 million! Should it be true (more accurate) Life Point has lowered it's purchase offer to say only \$4.9 million, the District would owe a nice (cool) \$13 million! Resulting in our grandchildren's children STILL paying off the debt!

A letter from Office of the Attorney General, Jack Conway dated July 31, 2012, states (I QUOTE), "Counsel for the Hospital District specifies that it owes \$12.5 million in refinanced debt that is due October of 2015 with annual debt service of \$1.1 million, \$13 million operating losses over the past nine years, \$8 million in debt from bond issues in 2007, and requires \$3 to 5 million in additional capital spending over the next three years."

MOST in Adair County probably know NOTHING about the above letter! Even if one does Not count the \$3 to 5 million for future operating capital, it is reported the hospital will be sold before the end of the year apparently for a 'song & a dance', the total debt, based on the footnote quoted above, is \$34.6, not \$16.6 - \$17.9 a DIFFERENCE of \$17 to \$18.3 million!

Where is the MISSING \$17 to \$18.3 million? Is that the amount misappropriated / STOLEN? If the Court orders Adair County tax payers to retire (pay off) the Adair County Hospital District debt how much will we have to pay \$3 - \$4 million, over \$10. million OR over \$15 million? REMINDER the preceding amount is based on Life Point's original reported \$12.9 million offer! Just imagine what it will be in the end if Life Point lowers it's offer price.

Purportedly a forensic audit was completed, but the Hospital District Board has NOT submitted the information to the Adair County Grand Jury nor, the common Wealth Prosecuting Attorney, the Attorney General, NOR have they sought to recover money from the accounting firm(s) or their insurance - bonding company! Now the Hospital District's attorney, Mr. Mabry states, according to the Community Voice Pg 2 August 9 , 2012, "Please note that the document has not been turned over to law enforcement or any other third party"

If it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, and looks like a duck, it probably is! Someone needs to get to the facts - truth and FAST!

Taxpayers should be the final/last recourse after every possible action, criminal, civil, insurance, bond company, etc. has been exhausted! And, if it is true Life Point is now trying to play hard ball, the District Board SHOULD reject a lower offer (unless the dollar numbers [debt] are 'off')! I'm confident with the amazing staff the hospital already has and proper management along with some resourcefulness, say use one wing for short term (days - weeks - ?months?) rather than have patients moved to MORE distant and EXPENSIVE hospitals! The hospital already has the skilled and dedicated staff!

Why let some FOR PROFIT company low ball a purchase, probably dump/fire much of the staff and figure out a way(s) to 'milk' the facility and it's staff for all it can, then close it anyway?

Ms. Robin Adair
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Mary's House Fundraiser Tops \$40,000 Goal

Dear Editor:

Yes, indeed, God's amazing grace has been at work through Mary's House! A sincere, heartfelt thank you goes out to all of you who have contributed to this worthwhile project. Because of the generosity of our own Adair Countians, residents of surrounding counties, and residents of faraway states, we were able to bank well over \$41,000 in approximately six weeks! Mary and the children thank you from the bottom of their hearts. The committee wishes to express their genuine appreciation for all your positive comments and strong support.

Thank you, Paul, and The Adair Progress for your detailed interview with Mary and for your overall promotion of Mary's House project. Through the paper's circulation, people were made aware of the tragedy and were able to identify with Mary and the children through the family photograph. Thank you for coming "on board" and being so supportive. You helped us unite the community in an effort to become the hands and feet of Jesus.

The public is invited to the groundbreaking of Mary's House located across from 550 Beechtop Rd. on Thursday evening, August 16, at 6:00 p.m. We hope to have the footers poured in about two weeks. You will be kept updated on the progress of the building project. An open house is in the future as the committee wants the public to see how their money was spent.

s/Fran Neat
Mary's House Committee



THE MARY McGUFFIN family and members of the Mary's House Committee pose for a happy group picture after reaching their goal to build the McGuffins a new home. Pictured are, from left: Front row: Andrew McGuffin, Robert McGuffin, Alex McGuffin and Terry McGuffin. Second row: Ronnie McGuffin, Mary McGuffin, Nikki McGuffin and Dustin McGuffin. Third row: Melissa Fudge, Larry Neat and Jerry Watson. Fourth row: Fran Neat, Doug White and Jim Flowers; Fifth row: Chandler Cundiff, Debbie White, Daniel Nissley and Don Neat. Back row: Danny Fudge, Kyle Cundiff and Kathy Nissley.

Request For Assistance

I have noticed from time to time that we as motorcycle riders have a problem when traveling of two lane roads that have no shoulder, IE Hwys 80, 206, 704 and roads such as these. The problem is when mowing many people blow grass onto the road way. This is very dangerous, especially when the grass is wet, to motorcycle riders.

A friend of mine almost went down Saturday due to this very thing, and you do not need to be going fast for grass to cause a problem, it is very close to being the same as hitting a patch of ice. Property owners as well as commerial lawn services need to remember that they are responsible for any thing that they have put on the highway. Should a bike go down where someone has blown grass onto the highway could be a very bad situation for all involved, especially the injuries a rider is likely to receive in such an accident.

Please help make the roads a little safer for all bike riders, we will appreciate.

Joe Hare,
Ride Captain
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OBITUARIES

Obituaries

Lyda Kendall Rice

Lyda Kendall Rice, age 92 of Sandy Hook, Kentucky passed away Wednesday morning, August 08, 2012 at St. Claire Regional Medical Center in Morehead, KY.

Mrs. Rice was born September 7, 1919 a daughter of the late William and Lulia Stamper Kendall.

Lyda was a member at Laurel Gorge Enterprise Baptist Church. She was a retired teacher.

In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her husband, James Rice in 1995; by three brothers: Burl Kendall, Warren Kendall and Skyler Kendall; and by one daughter-in-law, Juanita Rice.

She is survived by three sons and daughter-in-laws: Billy T. and Fern Rice of Sandy Hook, KY, Bobby R. and Judy Rice of 378 Edmonton Road, Columbia, KY 42728, Jimmy K. and Melissa Rice of Sandy Hook, KY; six grandchildren and their spouses: Teresa and Athene Bowling, Marianne and Chris McGlone, Amberee and Chris Coomer of Columbia, KY. Ashley and Howard Stephens of Russell Springs, Ky., Courtney Allen and April Rice, Candi and Lance Jones; eleven great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; three step-grandchildren; four step great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m., Saturday, August 11, 2012 in the Chapel of Waddell & Whitt Funeral Home with Brother Eugene Dickerson officiating. Burial will follow in the Elliott County Memory Gardens in Sandy Hook, Kentucky.

Courtney Allen Rice, Chris McGlone, Howard Stephens, Lance Jones, Sean Kazee and Roger Mayse will serve as pallbearers.

Online condolences may be made at www.waddellandwhitt.com

This obituary is a courtesy to the family by Stotts-Phelps-McQueary Funeral Home

Travis “Tater” Pyles

Travis “Tater” Pyles, age 68 years of Columbia, KY passed away, Monday, July 30, 2012 at 12:04 AM at the Liberty Care Center in Liberty, KY after several months illness.

He was born July 31, 1943 in the Ella Community of Adair County the son of the late Johnnie and Rosa Sallee Pyles of Adair County, KY.

He is survived by his wife, Imogene West Pyles of Columbia, KY; three daughters: Jamie Reynolds of Knifley, KY, Teresa Mondie of Campbellsville, KY, and Betty Overstreet and her husband, William of Columbia, KY; three brothers: Billy Pyles of Russell Springs, KY, Tommy Pyles of Pensacola, Florida, and Gleason Pyles of Columbia, KY; four sisters: Shirley Brown of Columbia, KY, Norma Miller of Knifley, KY, Kay Wethington of Horse Cave, KY, Joyce Giles of Knifley, KY. Nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends also survive.

Mr. Pyles was a member of the Barnett’s Creek United Methodist Church and was a former golfcourse greens keeper in Greenwood, Indiana.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at 1:00 PM at Barnett’s Creek United Methodist Church with Rev. Barry Bradshaw officiating.

Burial in Quinn Cemetery Knifley, KY.

Pallbearers were: Eric Brown, Brad Murrell, Brandon Murrell, Jason Murrell, Patrick Overstreet, Derick Overstreet, JR Murrell and Jared Stargel.

You may offer condolences and sign guestbook online at www.stottsphelpsmcquearyfh.com.

Stotts-Phelps-McQueary Funeral Home in charge of funeral arrangements.

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C Of C Meeting Set For August 21

The Columbia-Adair County Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday, Aug. 21 beginning at 11:45 at William T’s Dining at The Pines at Lindsey Wilson, 275 Country Club Road.

The speaker will be First Lt. Allen Stansbury from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville office. Lt. Stansbury will talk about the work that has been completed and the work continuing on the Wolf Creek Dam Remediation Project.

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•Hospital’s Sale Off

hospital and Adair County residents to continue to identify another strategic partner.

Since the announcement of the failed sale, Judge/Executive Ann Melton has become more involved in hospital issue.

Melton said that she has met more than once with hospital board chairman Evans and another board member, and has talked with U.S. Representative Ed Whitfield.

Whitfield was in town last week, and at a meeting that was open to the public, pledged to do all he can to help the hospital.

Whitfield said that he’d only had a conference call and a 10-minute meeting to get up to date on the hospital’s situation, and “don’t know all about the actions or inactions of the previous management group or any financial inaccuracies.”

“In my view, talking about health care access is one thing, and the jobs (the hospital provides) is another,” he continued. “However, this is not a time to try to hide anything with the hospital about \$20 million in debt.”

The congressman did say that he had talked to LifePoint officials in Nashville earlier in the day, and “they said they are still very much interested in buying Westlake,” but any offer they made was going to be constrained by the debt.

“The hospital’s back is up against the wall,” Whitfield said. “The options are to try to sell, try to refinance, or try to get money from the government.

He noted that money is tight in Washington too, and that Congress has done away with earmarks for particular projects.

“I’m not going to promise anything, but I’m going to be talking to officials in Georgia (the federal regional office that handles Medicare and Medicaid in Kentucky) about the money owed to Medicaid to see if something might be done,” Whitfield said. “I’ve also got my staff checking with Health and Human Services and the USDA to see if there are any pools of money available. I’m going to personally do all I can do to help you all.”

Computer Drop Off

County Judge Executive Ann Melton and the Adair County Fiscal Court will have a computer drop-off starting Monday, August 27, and running through Saturday, September 1, at the Adair County Recycling Center at 62 Service Road.

Anyone wanting to drop off an old computer or computer related item may do so between the times of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. through the week and between 7 a.m. and noon on Saturday. Anyone with any questions can call Judge Executive Ann Melton’s office at 384-4703. The following items will be accepted:

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Cynthia Waggener, RN	1130 Hemlock Circle	Columbia, KY 42728

Cash on Hand at the beginning of the year: **\$230,311.74**

Receipts:

Real Property Taxes	151,947.44
Tangible Property Taxes	22,312.15
Motor Vehicle Taxes	23,637.79
Delinquent Taxes	2,461.76
Other Taxes	3,213.44
Interest Income	4,923.38
Total Receipts	208,495.96

Total Cash Available for the year: **\$438,807.70**

Expenditures:

Advertising & Printing	334.43
Professional Services	0.00
Maintenance & Repair	4,651.35
District Management	196,445.00
Miscellaneous	310.00
Furniture & Fixtures	3,759.22
Equipment	3,741.65
Total Expenditures	209,241.65

Cash on Hand at the end of the year: **\$229,566.05**

Taxing District Accounts: First & Farmers National Bank \$229,566.05

Note: Each balance credited to the taxing district must be certified by each institution in which the taxing district holds an account.

This is to certify that at the close of business on June 30, 2012, a total balance of \$229,566.05 was credited to the account of the Adair County Public Health Taxing District.

Tina Krueger First & Farmers National Bank
(Signature of Officer or Cashier of Bank) (Name of Bank)

Witness my hand, this, the 9th day of August, 2012. *Angela Dye* Chairman

Adair County Public Health Taxing District
Commonwealth of Kentucky
County of Adair

Subscribed and sworn to by Dr. Roger D. Smith before me on the 9th day of August, 2012.
My commission expires: 8-21-2012 *Angela Dye* Notary Public

•Outdoor Expo

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Valentine has earned her title. She is a life-long hunter, growing up on a west Tennessee farm where hunting game put food on the family's table. Her hunting skills helped her break into the "good ole boy" network of professional hunters, and she has played an important part in increasing the role of women hunters in the sport.

Valentine currently serves as one of two national spokespersons for the National Wild Turkey Federation, the "hat" she'll be wearing on her visit to Columbia. She is also the host of two television shows for hunters, serves on numerous advisory boards, has written articles for almost every major outdoor magazine and as well as a self-published book.

She has received countless honors and awards, including being the first woman into the National Legends of the Outdoors Hall of Fame.

In a telephone interview from her Tennessee home this week, Valentine said she is looking forward to the SCKO Expo.

"I'm looking forward to coming to Adair County," she said. "It's a pretty part of the country, and the best part is I can drive up there instead of having to fly."

(Valentine still lives in western Tennessee, just south of Murray State University.)

Valentine says she enjoys her position as NWTF spokesperson, which involves a lot of trips to a lot of destinations.

"I travel many days each year," she said. "One week I might be helping with an outdoor group, the next week speaking to groups in Washington, D.C. or attending an event like the turkey calling and still target shoot you'll be having in Columbia. My job is so varied that it really doesn't have a description."

In addition to attending the turkey calling and still target shoot championships, Valentine will also serve as the keynote speaker at the expo.

When asked what topics she would be covering, Valentine said one area she will focus on will be talking about her recent visit to troops in Afghanistan.

"I was privileged to be a part of the first Armed Forces Entertainment Outdoors Legends Tour," she explained. "Myself and two other Outdoors Legends went on a two-week tour that was arranged by the Pentagon."

"Our first stop was in Germany at the hospital where all the wounded troops are first taken," she continued. "After that, we flew to Kirkistan, and then taken into Afghanistan by helicopters. We flew into to some of the advanced camps and Special Forces camps where they said they hadn't seen any outsiders for two years."

"We didn't put on any type of show. We just met with the soldiers, shook hand, and told them how much the hunters back in the United States supported them. It was an experience I'll never forget."

While Valentine, along with several other NWTF representatives, will be at the Expo all day long, her address to the audience will be late in the day, just prior to the 4 p.m. drawing for the free John Deere Gator that is being given away.



THREE PEOPLE were transported to Westlake Regional Hospital following a three-vehicle accident at the intersection of the Columbia Bypass and Greensburg Street/KY 61 N. The accident occurred when the vehicle being driven by Carolyn Taylor, center back, ran the stop sign and pulled into the path of the van on the left, causing that vehicle to spin and hit the SUV on the right. (Photo by Paul B. Hayes)



Bridgette Wade's Chevy Cavalier shot right through the intersection at Fairground Street and Campbellsville Street Monday afternoon and was struck by James Crowe's Chevrolet pick-up truck.

Monday Accidents Result In Injuries

Two separate automobile accidents in Columbia Monday afternoon resulted in seven different people being treated for injuries.

At about 1 p.m. Monday afternoon the Columbia Police Department responded to a three-car accident on the Columbia Bypass at the Highway 61 North intersection, a site that has seen numerous accidents in the few short years since the bypass has been built.

The accident occurred when a 2012 Chevrolet Equinox driven by Carolyn F. Taylor, 64, of Columbia, was traveling south on Highway 61 and failed to stop at the sign at the bypass intersection. Taylor struck a 2009 Dodge Caravan traveling south on the Veteran Bypass driven by Rick Courtney, 56, of Columbia. The Courtney vehicle was then forced into the path of a 2006 Honda Element driven by Paul Lagod, 36, of Hermitage, Tennessee. Taylor, Courtney, and one passenger in the Courtney vehicle were transported to Westlake Regional Hospital by Adair EMS. CPD officer Drew Conn investigated the accident and was assisted by the Columbia Fire Department and Adair County Search and Rescue.

At approximately 3 p.m. Monday the Columbia Police Department responded to the second accident of the day, this one on Campbellsville Street at the intersection of Fairground Street.

The accident occurred when a 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Bridgette Wade, 20, of Columbia, who was traveling west on Fairground Street, failed to stop at a red light due to possible break failure. Wade's vehicle was struck by a 2003 Chevrolet 2500 crew cab pick-up truck driven by James Crowe, 59, of North Anderson, Indiana, which was traveling south on Campbellsville Street.

Wade, Crowe, and two passengers were transported to Westlake Regional Hospital by Adair EMS. The accident was investigated by CPD officer Charles Greer and was assisted by Detective Tracy McCarol and Sergeant Jr. Murphy. Also assisting were the Columbia Fire Department and Adair County Search and Rescue.

Flags Available For Purchase At City Hall

At the July meeting of the Columbia City Council the issue of tattered flags throughout town was a main topic of discussion. At the meeting the council decided that, in an effort to ease the financial strain on the city to keep buying new flags, they would make flags available for citizens to buy at a cost of \$25.

The flags are now available for purchase, and if a buyer wishes they can dedicate that flag in honor or memory of a loved one. Anyone wishing to purchase a flag can either mail a check to city hall, at 116 Campbellsville Street, or buy one in person at city hall. To dedicate the flag, just specify whom the flag is in memory/honor of at the time of purchase.

As of August 10, flags have been sold to the following individuals:

Jeremy Austin – In Honor of George W. Austin

Robert Flowers – In Memory of Woodruff Flowers (WWII)

Robert Flowers – In Memory of James R. Flowers (Gulf War)

Robert Flowers – In Memory of Alfred W. Flowers (WWII)

Robert Flowers – In Memory of Dr. W.J. Flowers (WWI)

Danny and Paula Propes – In Memory of James Russell Reece

Joe Hare – In Memory of David O. Biggs, Billy Curry, Frankie McGowan, and Coy Turner

Della Shaw – 2 flags – In Memory of Lance Corporal Phillip Shoopman – Infantry Rifleman Company C 1st Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment KIA Quang Nam, Vietnam February 24, 1967

Ann Marie Austin – In Honor of Jeremy Austin

Tracy Rooks – In Honor of Larry Rooks

Willard and Marsha Pritchard – In Honor of Sergeant Andrew Klingberg – KY National Guard

Willard and Marsha Pritchard – In Honor of Sergeant Erik Klingberg – KY National Guard

Marshall F. Loy – 4 Flags

June Parson – 4 Flags

Craig Dean – 4 Flags

Jim Hadley – 4 Flags



Homecoming Service

at Faith Temple Full Gospel Church

Located on Hwy W 80, Royville Community Russell Springs, KY

Featured Guest

Bro. Charles Mealing

with Harvest Records

Sunday, August 19th at 10:00 a.m.

Bro. Charles Mealing will be our special guest, ministering in song around noon, along with special singers and speakers. A fellowship lunch will be served following the service. Bro. Gene Sneed & Sister E.L. Sneed & all the people welcome you to come and be a part of this great Fellowship Homecoming Service. We will be expecting to see you there. We know you will be blessed.

Everyone is welcome at Faith Temple Church

For more information call: (270) 866-2010 ~ Brother E.L. Sneed, Founder

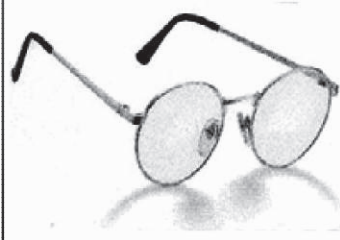


Introducing Dr. Burton

The office and staff of Downey Eye Clinic is pleased to announce the arrival of Dr. Jacob Burton. Dr. Burton, a long time resident of Adair County, is working with Dr. Downey and is now accepting appointments for all primary eye care, diseases of the eye, contact lenses and eyeglasses.

"We are so pleased to have Dr. Burton join us here at Downey Eye Clinic. He is not only an outstanding individual but also a very knowledgeable eye care physician."

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Adair County Extension Office

Adair County Young Farmer Appreciation Picnic

Each year, Adair County takes time to celebrate segments of the local agriculture industry. A few examples include the June Dairy Picnic and the annual Cattleman’s picnic. Another segment worth celebrating is Adair County Young Farmers. The Adair County Cooperative Extension Service in cooperation with the Adair County Farm Bureau and Adair County FFA will be holding a Young Farmer Appreciation picnic on September 13th at 6:30 at the Adair County FFA Cattle Handling Facilities. All young farmers and their spouse and children are invited to attend. Please RSVP to the Adair County Extension by Noon September 13th by calling 384-2317 or by email at

A.I. School

A cattle artificial insemination school will be offered on October 9th-11th by Adair County Cooperation Extension Service. The three day training will include both classroom and hands on instruction. Registration for the course \$350; each participant will receive a \$200 rebate on semen purchase. Interested farmers should contact the Adair County Cooperative Extension Service at 384-2317 to register. Pre-register ASAP as class size is limited and is expected to fill up soon.

High Nitrates in Corn Silage

As previously noted in earlier article; there is a high risk that nitrates could be high in this year’s corn silage crops. Growers can submit samples for testing through the Adair County Cooperative Extension Service. Overall, there have been a low percentage of fields test high in nitrates in the past two weeks. However the risk is still present and high level of nitrates can cause poor performance, abortion, and even death in cattle.

For dairymen, if nitrate levels are high, delay feeding for at least 3 weeks and re-test for nitrates. Research has shown that about 50% of the nitrates will be removed through fermentation. In the worst case scenario, corn silage high in nitrates can be diluted with corn silage and other feed stuffs low in nitrates in the TMR.

Beef producers are urged to test for nitrates prior to chopping. It nitrates are high beyond what fermentation can correct, corn silage containing high nitrates may not be a feasible feedstuff as most beef producers do not have machinery to mix the silage with other feeds to dilute the nitrates.

Raising the chopper head to a height of 8-10 inches can help lower the amount of nitrates in the silage. Most of the nitrates accumulate in the bottom of the plant.

Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Annual Report of Kentucky’s Forest Inventory Released

Forest area remains same, growth rate still greater than removal rate

According to a Forest Inventory Analysis (FIA) Factsheet recently released by the USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station, forest land in Kentucky covers an estimated 12.4 million acres. The report –a compilation of data collected by the Kentucky Division of Forestry’s FIA program – also included information about forest composition, common trees, forest land ownership, standing-tree wood volume and average growth and removals.

“Kentucky’s forest resources have shown very little fluctuation since the previous annual inventory,” said Leah MacSwords, director for the Kentucky Division of Forestry. “In fact, Kentucky’s landscape has remained on average about 45 percent forested for the past 50 years.”

One of the most important indicators listed in the report is growth to removal. The report notes that Kentucky’s forests are producing two times more wood volume than is being removed. While wood-using industries have been affected by the slowing economy, Kentucky’s forests continue to “stand ready” for economic development opportunities in rural areas of the state.

“Although Kentucky’s forests are still growing more wood volume than is being lost to harvest, tree mortality, and other removals, it is crucial that sustainable forestry practices be utilized in order to maintain or improve growth rates,” said MacSwords.

- Additional findings in the report include the following:
- 11 million acres (or 88 percent) of Kentucky’s forest land is privately owned;
 - the most common tree species is red maple, followed by sugar maple and yellow poplar;
 - the oak-hickory forest-type represents three-fourths of all forests across the Commonwealth;
 - and, 93 percent of the standing volume in Kentucky is represented by hardwoods.

For more information, please contact the Kentucky Division of Forestry at 502-564-4496. A full review of the report can be viewed on the U.S. Forest Service Southern Research Station’s website at www.srs.fs.fed.us/pubs/su/su_srs057.pdf.

PET TIP of the Week

There are people who lose dogs, it happens to the best of us. Lost pets are scared and confused, so act fast. #1, call the Green River animal Shelter ph # 385-9655, describe your dog and make sure they know your dog has ID (Dog license, rabies tag, and is Micro Chipped), #2, call the local vets, put up flyers (picture, with wording: LOST, REWARD, and your ph #) Call the local radio stations and keep looking, go to the shelter and look, ask the UPS driver and the postal carriers, go out looking and ask. Most of all do not wait act. #3, look on ‘Pet Finder’, Contact: Columbia Magazine and any other local news Web Sites. Pets are our family members, too.



GROWL
Green River Animal Welfare League, Inc.

Kentucky Farm Bureau Seeking Participants For 2013-14 LEAD Class

Recruitment for Kentucky Farm Bureau’s (KFB) next group of participants in the two-year, Leadership Enhancement for Agricultural Development (LEAD) program is now underway. Up to 15 individuals will be selected for this intensive learning experience as a way to equip the next generation of agricultural leaders with the tools to manage tomorrow’s challenges.

LEAD is designed for Farm Bureau members between the ages of 25 and 40 who are currently involved in agriculture or a related business and want to increase their leadership effectiveness and involvement in Farm Bureau. Through small group training, participants learn methods to access and process information, analyze and evaluate issues, formulate their own beliefs and articulate them clearly and effectively.

During 2013-14, the LEAD class will participate in six two-day meetings, two Farm Bureau annual meetings, the 2013 Congressional Tour to Washington, D.C., and an out-of-state agricultural tour. Class members will additionally be exposed to formal and informal instruction, group discussion, and challenged to directly apply the knowledge and skills gained through the program.

Volunteers Sought For Water Quality Monitoring

Free training to be held Sept. 8 at WKU

The Kentucky Watershed Watch Program is offering free training to persons interested in learning how to take water samples and monitor water quality in the Upper Green River Basin.

The training will be held Saturday, Sept. 8, from 8:30 a.m. until noon in Room 2134 of the Engineering Biologic Science Building located at 1500 Chestnut St. on the Western Kentucky University campus in Bowling Green. Parking will be available at 1400 Chestnut St.

Volunteers will be taught to take qualified water samples that will be analyzed by a professional laboratory. They will also learn how to collect basic water quality field data. Participants are advised to dress for field work, since some of the training will take place at a local stream.

“No previous experience is required to become a Watershed Watch volunteer,” said Dale Reynolds, Kentucky Division of Water (DOW) coordinator of the Upper Green River Basin. “We welcome anyone who is willing to pitch in to help protect the waterways of their community.”

Watershed Watch volunteers in the Upper Green River Basin participate in three annual sampling events in waterways that flow through Adair, Allen, Barren, Breckenridge, Butler, Casey,

Areas covered over the two-year coursework will include personal and professional development, leadership skills, agriculture technology, the legislative process and Farm Bureau’s role and involvement in lobbying issues affecting agriculture.

Recruitment brochures to nominate someone for the 2013-14 LEAD class can be downloaded from kyfb.com/federation. Participants in the LEAD program may be nominated by anyone, but all nominees must be approved by a county Farm Bureau president. A KFB-appointed selection committee will then review the qualifications of each applicant and determine the final class roster. The participants selected for the next LEAD class will be introduced at the 2012 KFB annual meeting held in Louisville in December.

Since the program’s inception in 1998, 130 men and women from across Kentucky have graduated from LEAD with a better understanding of their need for political involvement, effective communication, personal development and active participation in Farm Bureau activities.

Mark Twain Marching Band Festival

August 25, 2012
Columbia, Kentucky

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Take this opportunity to support Adair County’s Marching Band and welcome visiting bands and their guests to the area.

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Wish Your Favorite Band Member Good Luck This Marching Season!

Call Rita or Donna at **384-6471** or Come By the Adair Progress Today!



The Deadline To Place Your Ad is Monday, August 20th.

Coach’s Corner: Lady Indians Golf With Coach Kim Goodin

Adair Co. defeated Campbellsville and lost to Taylor County in a tri-match on Thursday, August 9 at The Pines. Adair shot a 202, Taylor Co. 196, and Campbellsville 266.

Ashley Goodin led all scorers with a 43. Abby Royse and Rachel Phipps both shot 51 with 7th grader Hailey Taylor posting a 57. Madison Bell finished with 63 and Lauren McQuaide a 68. Sarah Dickens led Taylor Co. with a 45, and MaKenzie Murrell paced Campbellsville with a 58.

We didn’t play to our potential today and I think the kids know it. Taylor Co. is obviously a good golf team because they didn’t even bring their top two or three players and still handed us a loss. Campbellsville didn’t have one of their top five today either leaving them to only play with four. Adair Co. girls split tri-match record stands at 3-3

Adair County lost to Green County at Green County Golf Course Monday night. Adair



County shot a 205 with Ashley Goodin leading the way with a score of 43. Junior Rachel Phipps shot a 50, Abby Royse 54, Hailey Taylor 58, Lauren McQuaide 70 and Madison Bell 71.

Green County shot a 172 and was led by Cassidy Scantland and Leah Rose

with 41’s, Olivia Parrott shot 42, and Sydney Agee a 48. Other scores for Green Co. included Gracie Parrott 61, April Houk 59, and Skye Moss 59.

Next up for us is Casey Co. on Tuesday, August 21st at Hickory Hills, Short Town Rd. in Liberty.



Above: Junior Rachel Phipps attempted a put on hole 2 at the Pines against Taylor and Campbellsville Thursday evening.

At Left: Hailey Taylor had a sand save by knocking this one within three feet and made the putt on hole 2 at Green County on Monday.



Lindsey Women’s Soccer Favored To Win MSC In 2012

The Lindsey Wilson College women’s soccer team is picked to win the Mid-South Conference title in 2012, according to the MSC Preseason Coaches’ Poll released today by conference officials.

The Blue Raiders received 81 voting points from the conference coaches, including nine of the 10 first-place votes. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team.

Lindsey Wilson has captured at least a share of the conference’s regular season title each of the last 12 seasons and takes a 63-match winning streak against MSC completion into this season.

The Blue Raiders finished 19-1-2 overall and 7-0 in the MSC last season. Lindsey Wilson also swept through the MSC Tournament in 2011 winning by a combined total of 13-0 in the three tournament matches.

Georgetown College is second in the preseason poll with 68 voting points and the final first-place vote. MSC newcomer Cumberland University is third in the poll with 58 voting points followed by Campbellsville University in fourth with 56 voting points.

University of the Cumberlands (50 voting points) is fifth in the poll followed by Shawnee State University (44) and University of Rio Grande (34) in sixth and seventh place respectively.

University of Pikeville (25), St. Catharine College (24) and Bluefield College (10) -- who enters its first season in the MSC in 2012 -- rounds out the coaches’ poll.

Lindsey Wilson opens its 2012 season at 7 p.m. CT on Saturday, Aug. 25, as the Blue Raiders host Spring Arbor (Mich.) University at Walter S. Reuling Stadium. Lindsey Wilson begins conference play on Sept. 18 at St. Catharine (Ky.) College.

Tribe Stays Unbeaten: Trey Garmon Leads Indians To Victory Over Marion County

On Tuesday afternoon at Rosewood Country Club, the Indians picked up their sixth win of the young season by defeating Marion County by a score of 170 to 177. Trey Garmon led the way with a round of 41. Daniel Rarey, 42, Alex Durham, 42, Riley Grant, 45, and Blake Maupin, 46, rounded out the scoring for the tribe.

“We certainly did not play our best today,” said Coach Steve Burton. “We made a lot of mental mistakes on the course today and it almost cost us. Sometimes you fall victim to your own success and become complacent with where you are, I feel like that is what happened to us today.”

Burton was able to find a silver lining in his team’s sluggish play though. “However, today was a good wakeup

call for us and we will learn and grow from our mistakes,” added Burton.

JR. VARSITY INDIANS TIE WITH MARION COUNTY

The Indians golf JV squad shot a team score of 190 to match the score of Marion County. Tanner Garmon led the way for the Indians with an outstanding round of 41. Jacob Keltner added a 45, Austin Cundiff a 46, and Jameson Miller and Joseph Farmer each shot rounds of 58 to round out the scoring.

The Indians will be back in action Thursday afternoon at 3:45 pm at Lakewood Country Club in Russell Springs, in a Varsity and JV match.

LWC Football Opens 2012 Receiving Votes In NAIA Preseason Top-25 Poll

Lindsey Wilson College football begins its third season just outside the 2012 NAIA Football Coaches’ Preseason Top 25 Poll, NAIA officials announced Monday.

The Blue Raiders are one of four teams to miss the national ranking but receive votes from the panel of coaches that makes up the national raters. Lindsey Wilson garnered 10 voting points -- just six voting points from the No. 25 ranking.

Following a 7-3 record in 2011, the Blue Raiders earned the program’s first-ever national ranking in the NAIA Football Coaches’ Spring Top-25 Poll in April. Lindsey Wilson was No. 25 in that poll.

Since, Lindsey Wilson has moved to the MSC West Division -- where three nationally ranked teams reside.

Overall, Lindsey Wilson is one of six Mid-South Conference teams to receive voting points in the poll.

Georgetown College (209 voting points) is the top ranked MSC team at No. 4, followed by Bethel University (140) in a tie at No. 11. University of the Cumberlands (62) is No. 19, Cumberland University (53) is tied for No. 22 and Campbellsville University (16) is No. 25.

Defending NAIA national champion Saint Xavier (Ill.) University is the unanimous No. 1 with 236 voting points and all 11 first-place votes. Carroll (Mont.) College is No. 2 with 227 voting points and Marian (Ind.) University is No. 3 with 217 voting points.

Lindsey Wilson kicks off its 2012 season at 12:30 p.m. CT on Saturday, Aug. 25, as the Blue Raiders travel to Kentucky Christian University. Lindsey Wilson’s 2012 home opener is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. CT on Saturday, Sept. 1 at Blue Raider Stadium.

ACMS Football Starts Season With Win



The Adair County Middle School football team kicked their season off in impressive fashion Tuesday night as they traveled to Campbellsville and came away with a 20-0 victory. Expectations are high for the middle school Indians now as Campbellsville had defeated perennial power Boyle County in their first game of the season. Quarterback Chance Melton led the offensive charge, rushing for all three touchdowns and throwing for a two-point conversion. The Adair County defense was stellar as well, as Campbellsville struggled to move the ball and failed to put any points on the board.

Come Out And Support
Your Adair County Indians in
their First Game of the Season--
This Friday at 7pm at
Campbellsville University

Adair County running back Arron Bernard (32) caught a pass Friday night in the Indians controlled scrimmage game against Taylor County. Bernard showed some speed and ran away from the Taylor County secondary for a touchdown as teammate Dylan Conn (5) looked on.

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From left to right: Trey Spinks, Evan Shirley, Diana Trejo, Jena Hopkins, Trent Sparks and Jameson Keen pictured in the Russell Senate Building in Washington, DC.

Adair FFA Travels To Washington For Conference

By Diana Trejo
FFA Reporter

The Adair County FFA chapter recently traveled to Washington DC for the National FFA Washington Youth Leadership Conference on July 24th -29th. Created in 1969 and held annually in Washington, D.C., the conference helps students develop leadership skills, identify personal strengths, develop awareness of societal differences and human needs and strategize how they can help others through community service. They also participated in community service projects such as making and distributing over forty five thousand packages of food to send overseas. While in Washington D.C the students were able to visit various places such as the Washington Monument, Abraham Lincoln Memorial and The Capital Building. The students attending this trip were Jena Hopkins, Evan Shirley, Trent Sparks, Trey Spinks, Diana Trejo, Jameson Keen accompanied by Advisor Kirby Hancock and his family.

SCC And WKU Sign Joint Admissions Agreement

Students now have a seamless path to a four-year degree that leads through Somerset Community College and Western Kentucky University. SCC and WKU today signed a joint admissions agreement that will give students access to a full range of resources at both schools and create a smoother transfer process. The agreement was signed by SCC President Jo Marshall and WKU President Gary Ransdell at SCC’s Harold Rogers Student Commons.

The goals of the partnership include:

- Eliminating barriers for students in attaining their educational goals
 - Improving student success and degree attainment
 - Reducing the time to degree and the cost to students
 - Expanding student options for college services
 - Planning, developing and aligning instructional programs at the undergraduate level.
- “Our students always have been

and always will be our first priority,” said SCC President and CEO Dr. Jo Marshall. “This agreement with Western Kentucky University will help our students easily transition to a four-year university to reach their goals and obtain their degrees. We are excited about this partnership and know our students will ultimately benefit from this agreement.” “This program will provide the best of both institutions to students while allowing them to complete their associate’s degree at SCC and then continue their education at WKU,” Dr. Ransdell said. “SCC students who are jointly admitted will be on track to complete a four-year degree from the first day and can begin to take advantage of student services and activities that are available to all WKU students, including academic advising.”

This is the seventh joint admissions agreement between WKU and a school in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. WKU also has agreements

with Owensboro Community and Technical College, Madisonville Community College, Henderson Community College, Hopkinsville Community College, Bowling Green Technical College and Elizabethtown Community and Technical College. More than 970 students have been admitted into the joint admissions programs since the first ones began in 2009. “Education is vital to the economic prosperity of the region,” Dr. Ransdell continued. “By working together, we can continue to help meet the higher education needs in this region and in the Commonwealth.” Somerset Community College is a comprehensive two-year institution of higher education. SCC has campuses in Somerset and London, and centers in Clinton, McCreary, Casey, and Russell counties. For admission and program information, visit our website at somerset.kctcs.edu. The campus address is 808 Monticello Street, Somerset, Kentucky 42501.

Adair Band Raffle



Tickets are \$10.00 each.

Each Ticket holder has opportunity to win all 3 prizes.

Proceeds go toward new marching uniforms for Adair Band.

New uniforms will be worn beginning @ Mark Twain Exhibition.

3 different drawings.

- Holland Grill & Patio Set – Saturday – August 25 @ Mark Twain Exhibition.
- Washer/Dryer Set – Monday – October 29 @ Encore Performance.
- Kitchen Set – Sunday – December 9 @ Christmas Concert.

To be considered for a prize, the Ticket must be purchased by the respective drawing dates.

Tickets are available from any Band Student, Band Booster, or at the following locations in Columbia:

- ▲ Innovative Colours on Campbellsville Road
- ▲ Flowers N’ Things on Campbellsville Street
- ▲ United Citizens Bank on Jamestown Street
- ▲ Save-A-Lot on Guardian Street



Pictured with Keitha is Jenni Johnson, Membership Specialist from Caveland in Bowling Green. They are proudly displaying some of the “cool” incentives Keitha received for her hard work.



Call Melanie at the
Adair Progress for
more details!

384-6471

www.adair
progress.com



August
20th

Happy 16th
Birthday!
Kelsie Rae
Redmon

Love, Mom, Dad & Whitney

Keitha Lee Is Top Cookie Seller

Local Kentuckian Girl Scout Jenna Alyssa Keitha Nashton Lee sold 1,500 boxes of cookies, making her the highest seller from Area 16 from Caveland Girl Scout Service Center. Area 16 is comprised of ten Kentucky counties.

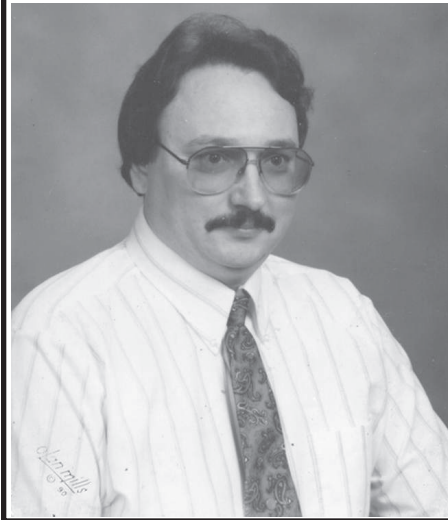
Keitha, daughter of Annita Dial Barnett and the late Keith Lee, is a member of Daisy Troop 1172, led by volunteer leader Angie Pierce. Keitha has been involved with the Girl Scouts for two years.

Keitha would like to thank all her customers for buying and is looking forward to seeing each of them when sales begin in January 2013.

The family of William F. (Billy) Sears would like to extend our most sincere thanks for the many prayers, visits, and expressions of sympathy given to us during the passing of our loved one. In correction of his obituary, Billy was a resident of Columbia, KY. He also obtained a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor in Business Administration from Campbellsville University, along with his many service connected medals. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Wife, Claris Sears and Family

Oh no! Look who is turning
60 years old!
Yes, that’s right...60 years old!
TONY BRUCE JESSEE



Keitha Lee, age 7 years from Columbia, along with Landon Lewis, age 7 from West Liberty, will represent the Morgan County Fair at the Kentucky State Fair Little Miss and Mister Pageant on Thursday, August 16th, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Keitha is in Cindy Walker’s 2nd grade class at Colonel William Casey Elementary. She is the daughter of Annita Dial Barnett and the late Keith Lee.

Landon is a 2nd grade student at Lewis Family Home School. He is the son of Evan and Ashley Lewis.

*Best wishes to Keitha and Landon for
a fun and memorable experience!*

KELSIE REDMON

will be
driving real
wheels on
her
16th
Birthday!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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UNCLE BILLY JOE, AND AUNT MARSHA**

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